



(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

# **WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE...** PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2011-12

(session year)

# Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education...

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#### **Senate**

## **Record of Committee Proceedings**

## Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education

#### Senate Bill 349

Relating to: the confidentiality of information related to exemptions from the requirement to register livestock premises; membership of county land conservation committees; vehicle scale operators; and changing a reporting requirement for pesticide sales (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection).

By Law Revision Committee.

December 27, 2011 Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher

Education.

January 31, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (7) Senators Schultz, Harsdorf, Kedzie, Moulton,

Hansen, Shilling and King.

Absent: (0) None. Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

• Dennis Fay, Madison — WI DATCP

Appearances Against

• None.

Appearances for Information Only

• None.

Registrations For

• None.

Registrations Against

• None.

Registrations for Information Only

• None.

February 9, 2012 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD** 

Present: (7) Senators Schultz, Harsdorf, Kedzie, Moulton, Hansen, Shilling and King.

Absent: (0) None. Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Shilling, seconded by Senator Harsdorf that **Senate Bill 349** be recommended for passage.

Ayes:

(7) Senators Schultz, Harsdorf, Kedzie, Moulton,

Hansen, Shilling and King.

Noes:

(0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

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# Vote Record Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education

Date: 2/9/12								
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Committee Member				<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	Not Voting	
Senator Dale Schultz, Chair				\overline{\pi}				
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Senator Neal Kedzie								
Senator Terry Moulton				$\square$				
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#### **DATCP Testimony for SB 349**

Senate Bill 349 contains 4 remedial legislation provisions requested by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection and introduced by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

#### **County Land Conservation Committee**

Current law provides for the creation of county land conservation committees. Under current law the chair of the county "agricultural stabilization and conservation agency" or the chair's designee must be appointed to the county land conservation committee. Federal law no longer authorizes creation of county agricultural stabilization and conservation committees so the bill replaces the member who was the chair of the county agricultural stabilization and conservation committee with the chair of the county farm service agency committee which is now and for some time has been authorized under federal law.

#### **Pesticide Sale Reporting**

Persons who sell or distribute pesticide products are required to submit an annual sales report to DATCP. The bill proposes to shorten the reporting period for the final report required to be submitted by a person who sold or distributed but has stopped selling or distributing pesticide products in order to avoid duplicate reporting. The annual reporting period is October 1 to September 30. If, for example a person stopped selling or distributing pesticide product in March 2011, under current law the person would have to submit a final report of sales from October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. The person would have already reported sales from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Under the proposal, the final report the person would have to submit would be from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

## **Livestock Premises Confidentiality**

Current law generally requires persons who keep livestock at premises in Wisconsin to register the premises with DATCP. Current law requires that DATCP keep confidential information required to be submitted to the department for livestock premises registration. Current law authorizes DATCP to specify exemptions from the livestock premises registration requirements. The proposal requires DATCP to also keep confidential information required to be submitted to DATCP in order to request an exemption from the livestock premises registration requirements.

### Vehicle Scale License Fee

Current law states that the license fee for a vehicle scale is \$100 but authorizes DATCP to establish a different fee by rule. DATCP has adopted a rule which provides for an annual license fee of \$115. The proposal deletes the \$100 fee stated in the statute and requires DATCP to establish the fee by rule. The purpose of the change is to eliminate the confusion that exists for scale operators who must pay the fee.